

Honoured Sir,

My friend the bootbaker contents me that you in search hunting for a junior Kraman, and I beg to nominate myself to the post whatever. In stating you, however, I am a family man (4times), a young Hindu, my age therefore is 22 years 1-1/2 months last birthday. Should you esteem me favourably to get the job, I may state that I carry you satisfactorily, by punctuality, industry, honesty and respectability. I am affectionate with the typewriter and altogether a painstaking individuality. Further I am a good talking Englishman and hopping you are in good health and apologise for the same.

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I am a poor man, I had the misfortune to be born an orphan, but now I am the father of a litter of nine. So I have nine empty stomachs hanging around my neck and find it impossible to make both ends meet. You are my father and my mother.

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The sender of this letter is a poor man in agriculture behaviour. Therefore I pray you will have favour upon him and take him into your saintly service that he may have support for his soul and family. I fall upon my father's bended knees and beg merciful consideration of your honour's thankfulness while I linger for your hopeful words. I am out of employment for more than a year so that my mental facilities and conscience are daily swept from me. My family is a very large one consisting of 5 females, 3 masculines and 1 child. The latter is still drinking milk from his paternal mother's chest. Your humble is too much old and too much poorly to espouse hard labour, so kindly give me more easy work. May your philanthropic zeal take some measure with me, and look with favourable eyes upon me, and for this I shall pray that the Almighty will give you tit for tat. I now live from your bungalow 20 miles as the cock crows.

### RULES OF THE ROAD IN JAPAN.

At the rise of the hand of policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him.

When a passenger of the foot hove in sight, tootle the horn trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootle him with vigour and express by word of the mouth the warning, "Hi, Hi!"

Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go soothingly by, or stop by the road-side till he pass away.

Give big space to the festive dog that make sport in the roadway. Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel-spokes.

Go soothingly on the grease-mud, as there lurk the skid demon. Press the brake of the foot as you roll round the corners to save the collapse and tie-up.

# Travellers'

## Tales

*By kind permission of the Far Eastern Economic Review, Hong Kong, we offer the following selection of notices from around the globe. Offering light relief from the tedium of business travel, they provide ample proof that English is the lingua franca of the 20th century*

“ In a Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a Leipzig elevator: Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

In a Belgrade hotel elevator: To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going alphabetically by national order.

In a Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a hotel in Athens: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11am daily.

In a Yugoslavian hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

In a Japanese hotel: You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

In an Austrian hotel catering for skiers: Not to perambulate the corridor in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

On the menu of a Polish hotel: Salad a firm's own make: limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger: roasted duck let loose: beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

In a Hong Kong supermarket: For your convenience, we recommend courteous, efficient self-service.

In a Bangkok dry cleaner's: Drop your trousers here for best results.

Outside a Paris dress shop: Dresses for street walking.

Outside a Hong Kong dress shop: Ladies have fits upstairs.

In a Rhodes tailor shop: Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

From the Soviet Weekly: There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Arts by 15,000 Soviet Republic painters and

sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.

In an East African newspaper: A new swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers.

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest: It is strictly forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

In a Zurich hotel: Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.

In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist: Teeth extracted by the latest methodists.

In a Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

In a Czechoslovakian tourist agency: Take one of our horse-driven city tours - we guarantee no miscarriages.

Advertisement for donkey rides in Thailand: Would you like to ride on your own ass?

On the faucet in a Finnish washroom: To stop the drip, turn cock to right.

In the window of a Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong: Guaranteed to work throughout its useful life.

Detour sign in Kyushu, Japan: Stop: Drive Sideways.

In a Swiss mountain inn: Special today - no ice cream.

In a Bangkok temple: It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner if dressed as a man.

In a Tokyo bar: Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts.

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

In a Norwegian cocktail lounge: Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

At a Budapest zoo: Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.

In the office of a Roman doctor: Specialist in women and other diseases.

In an Acapulco hotel: The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

In a Tokyo shop: Our nylons cost more than common, but you'll find they are best in the long run.

From a Japanese information booklet about using a hotel air conditioner: Coolers and Heaters: If you want just condition of warm in your room, please control yourself.

From a brochure of a car rental firm in Tokyo: When passenger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstacles your passage then tootle him with vigour.

Two signs from a Majorcan shop entrance: English well talking. ” Here speaking American.